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DECLINE IN DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is decline in domestic production of petroleum products in the country but increase in the profit earned;

(b) if so, the details of the decline and profit earned during each of the last three years;

(c) the details of probable fall in the production of petroleum products from the existing oil fields and wells during the next five years; and

(d) the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the challenge in fall of production in domestic field and increase in income?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : There is no decline in the domestic production of petroleum products in the country. However, there is a decline in the profit earned in some of the oil companies.

(b) : The details are given in the annexure I.

(c) : The details are given in the annexure II.

(d) : Several steps have been taken/are in hand to accelerate hydrocarbon exploration and production activities in the country, which includes the following :

(i) Carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of NELP

(ii) Quicker development of discovered reserves for enabling commencement of production.

(iii) Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

(iv) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/Improved Oil Recovery (IOR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.

(v) Arresting decline from ageing fields.

(vi) Acquisition of exploration acreages and producing properties overseas to bring in equity oil.

(vii) Substitution of oil through use of non-conventional source of energy such as bio-diesel, ethanol, etc.